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(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Dorchester	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Rehoboth

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Turpin Place, Lee Mansion

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

West side of Punkum Road

CITY OR TOWN:

El Dorado

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY:

Dorchester

CODE

019

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Mr. and Mrs. John Breuil

STREET AND NUMBER:

Rehoboth

CITY OR TOWN:

El Dorado

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:

St. John's College Campus, College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY:

1970

☐ Federal☒ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:

94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE:

Maryland

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Rehoboth is located off the west side of Punkum Road just north of the intersection of Punkum Road, Maryland Route 313 and Cokesbury Road in El Dorado, Maryland.</p> <p>Rehoboth is a two-and-a-half story, brick building, three bays wide and three bays deep. The brick is laid in Flemish bond. The house stands on a high foundation, on each elevation of which is a double-mold water table and at the ground level large basement windows.</p> <p>The foundation of the house is a ledge, four feet wide, made of stones mixed with mortar. The walls of the house vary in thickness from eighteen inches to twenty-four inches.</p> <p>The belt is a two-brick course. The windows on the river facade (southwest) have plaster lintels, simulating stone masonry, and there are twelve-over-twelve sash on the windows at both floor levels of each facade. The gable-end windows have nine-over-nine sash and in the attic there are two round windows on each gable. There are two dormers on the southwest and northeast sides of the roof. The cornice has modillions.</p> <p>The interior of the house was gutted by fire in October 1916. On February 27, 1917, Francis W. Breuil (1870-1944) purchased the walls and 70 acres of land. The original exterior walls were intact with the exception of the south gable. The house was rebuilt exactly as it was except for the circular staircase which went from the hall to the third floor.</p> <p>Off the northwest facade a frame kitchen wing has been added. The house burned in 1916. It was renovated by the parents of the 1971 owner.</p> <p>Sixteen acres are designated as the acreage surrounding Rehoboth which is appropriate to protect the immediate area around the house and to the center of the small creek alongside of which the house stands.</p>	

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

c. 1783-1790

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☒ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Philosophy☒ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry☐ ScienceHistory☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Sculpture☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Social/Humanitarian☐ Art☐ Literature☐ Theater☐ Commerce☐ Military☐ Transportation☐ Communications☐ Music☐ Conservation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The association of Rehoboth with Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee, each a Signer of the Declaration of Independence, as well as the interstate relationship between the Lees of Virginia and the Lees of Maryland, brings this house into significant historical focus. Descending through the family of the second elected Governor of Maryland, Thomas Sim Lee, adds to its historical value:

A State Roads Commission marker reads:

"Rehoboth

Patented by Captain John Lee of Virginia, 1673 for 2360 acres. It descended through the Lee family until 1787. Thomas Sim Lee, 1745-1819 (second Governor of Maryland) was descended from the Lees of Rehoboth"

On Marshy Hope Creek, the northwest fork of the Nanticoke River, is the site of the Maryland Lee family.

Early land records in Annapolis record a tract of 2350 acres patented to Captain John Lee, June 24, 1673. Captain John Lee was one of the eight children of Richard Lee of Virginia: John, Richard, Francis, William, Hancock, Elizabeth, Annie and Charles. Captain John (1645-1673) left his land to Richard Lee II, his brother, who died in 1714. Philip Lee, a son of Richard II, inherited "Rehoboth" and upon his death in 1744 the lands were devised to Philip's sons: Corbin, John, George, Francis; and to a grandson, Philip Lee.

Thomas Lee, another son of Richard Lee II, had also received a 1300-acre share of Rehoboth. Thomas Lee was the father of the famous Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee, each a Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Philip Ludwell Lee, brother of Richard Henry and Francis Lightfoot Lee, shared ownership of a part of "Rehoboth" with a sister, Lettice Corbin Lee.

Francis Lee, son of Philip Lee, was a member of the

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorders: Michael Bourne, Maryland Historical Trust,
94 College Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland;
Ann D. Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register,
Maryland Historical Trust.

Flowers, Thomas A. (ed.), Souvenir Source Book, Dorchester
Tercentenary Bay County Festival 1669-1969, July 18-26,
1969.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	38° 35' 19.5"	75° 47' 50"	0		
NE	38° 35' 15"	75° 47' 43"			
SE	38° 35' 09"	75° 47' 47.5"			
SW	38° 35' 13"	75° 47' 55"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: sixteen acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Jan. 17, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

CODE

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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Orlando Ridout IV

Title

State Liaison Officer
for Maryland

Date

January 18, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

Historic American Building Survey

1969 Federal

Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. Code: 11

#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

Maryland Assembly in 1745. He lived at "Rehoboth." Upon his death in 1749, he gave his son Francis Leonard Lee all of the dwelling plantation in "Dorset County" called Rehoboth.

In 1787 Lettiæ Corbin Lee sold a tract of land--200 acres--called "Rehoboth" to Captain John Smoot. The next owner was Major Frank Turpin, who was first a captain in the militia of Dorchester County during the Revolutionary War. "Rehoboth" was called "Turpin Place." Major Turpin died in 1829 and he was interred in the family plot. He was later reinterred in Christ Church Cemetery, Cambridge, Maryland.

In a letter from Mrs. Mary Turpin Layton, great-granddaughter of Captain John Smoot, to Mrs. Francis Breuil, Mrs. Layton maintained that she had positive proof that Captain John Smoot had built the house sometime between 1783 and 1790. This was in sharp disagreement with Dr. Elias Jones and Swepson Earle who maintain that the house was built circa 1725.

It can be conjectured on the basis of the information presented that Mrs. Layton is correct. The original patent was 2350 acres which soon afterwards was subdivided into smaller sections, each of these sections carrying the familiar title "Rehoboth." There is a possibility that the older plantation house erected on one of the sections was lost since the Lee family in Dorchester County seems to have disappeared as the female members inherited the land.

Breuil, a native of Philadelphia, left school at the age of seventeen to go to sea. Later in life he prospected for gold in California and in Mexico. After buying "Rehoboth," the Lee homestead, the building housed his gun collection which included an example of every type of musket used by

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the United States Army from the American Revolution to the Civil War.

After his death in 1944 the house and grounds went to Breuil's son John Breuil, the 1971 owner.

#9. REFERENCES continued

Clark, Charles B., The Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, 3 vols., New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Company, 1950.

Wilstach, Paul, Tidewater Maryland, Blue Ribbon Books, Inc., New York, 1931, p. 165.

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Dorchester	CODE 019
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Michael Bourne for the Maryland Historical Trust			
DATE OF PHOTO: July 1968			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Maryland Historical Trust 94 College Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Southwest elevation			



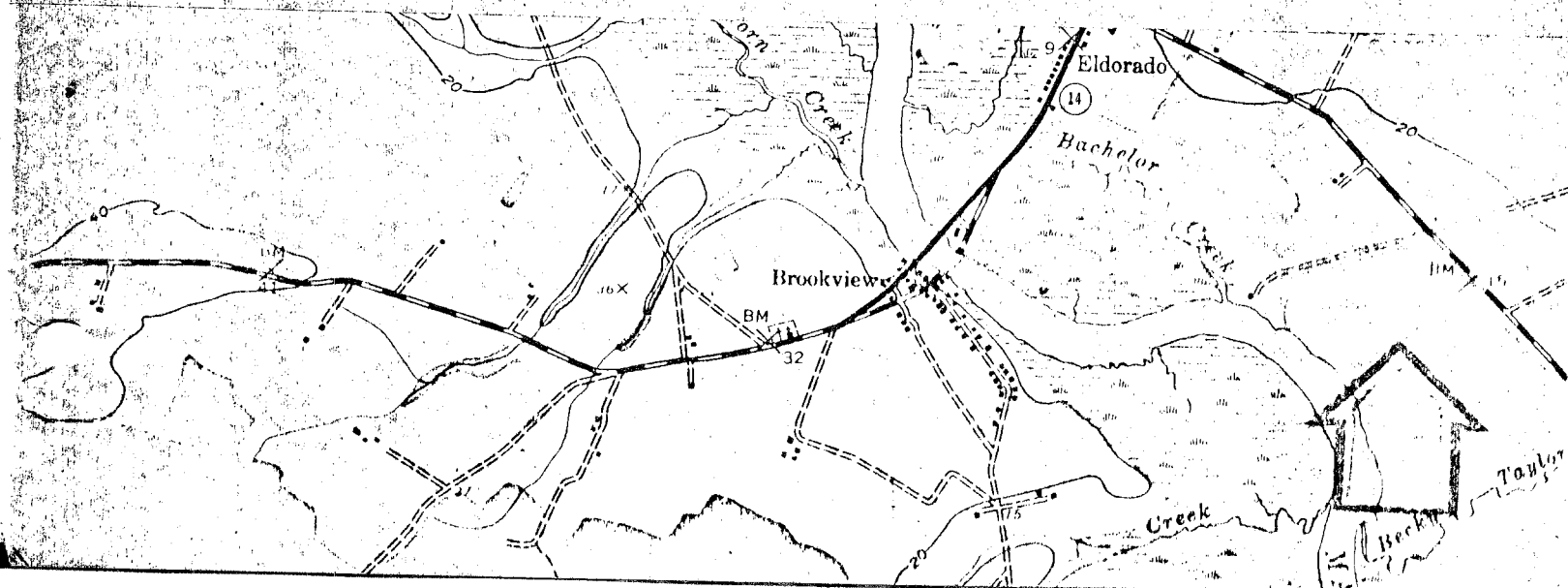
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE		CODE 010	
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map; Rhodesdale Quadrangle, Maryland			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1944			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

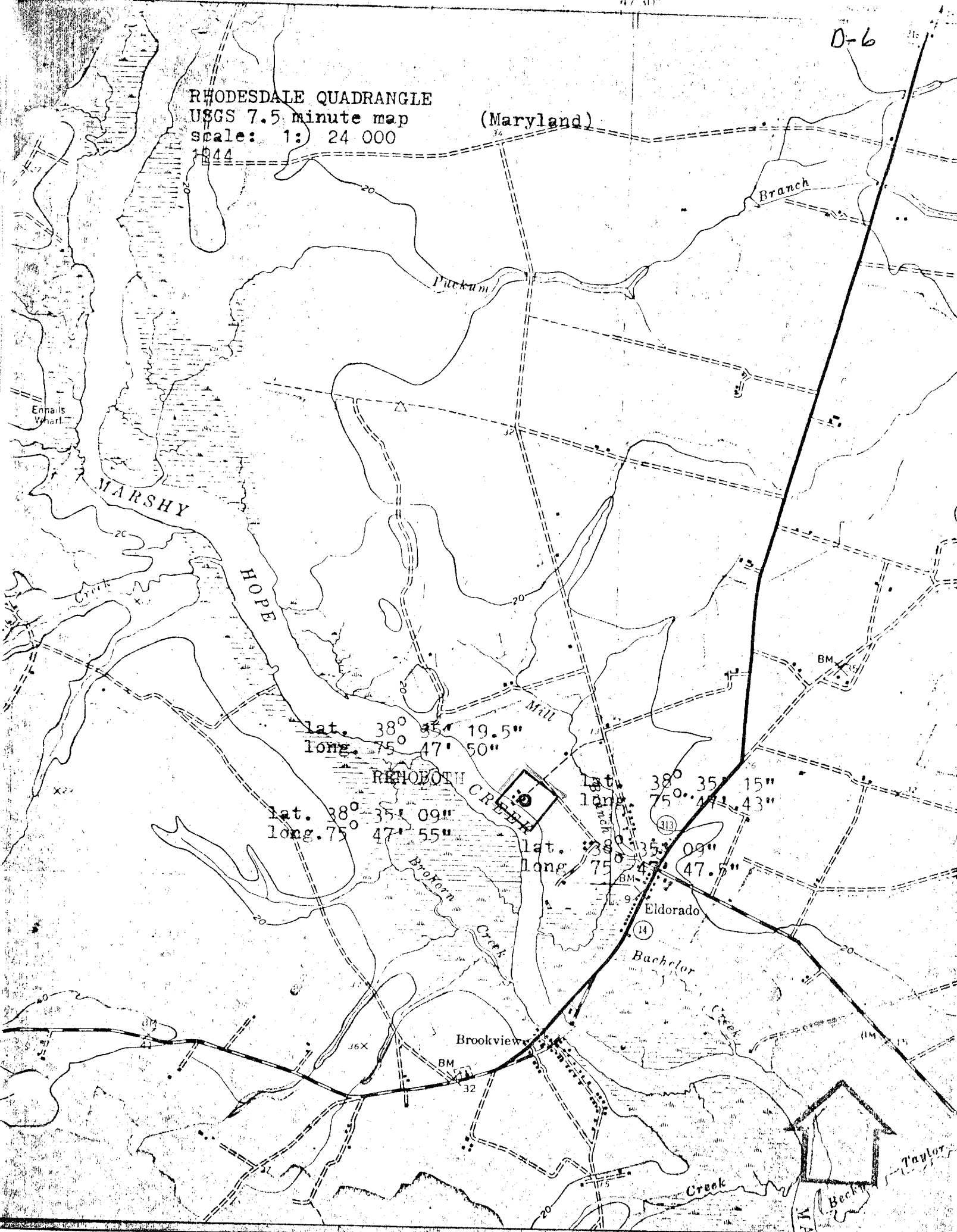


Dist 1; map 24; p. 33

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Dorchester County TOWN El Dorado VICINITY STREET NO.		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY D - 6	
ORIGINAL OWNER Lee Family ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER Mr. & Mrs. Breuil PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick NO. OF STORIES 2-1/2		2. NAME Rehobeth DATE OR PERIOD mid 18th century STYLE Georgian ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>NO</u> <p>Rehobeth is a two-and-a-half story brick building, three bays wide and three bays deep. The brick is laid in Flemish bond. The house stands on a high foundation, on all elevations of which are a double-mold water-table and large basement windows.</p> <p>The belt is a two brick course. The windows on the river facade have plaster lintels, simulating stone masonry, and there are 12 over 12 sash on the windows at both floor levels of each facade. The gable-end windows have 9 over 9 sash and in the attic there are two round windows on each gable. There are two dormers on each side of the roof. The cornice has modillions.</p> <p>Off the northwest facade a frame kitchen wing has been added. The house burned in 1916. It was renovated by the parents of the present owner.</p> <p>A State Roads Commission marker reads:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"Rehobeth</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Patented by Captain John Lee of Virginia, 1673 for 2360 acres. It descended through the Lee family until 1787. Thomas Sim Lee, 1745 - 1819 (second Governor of Maryland) was descended from the Lees of Rehobeth "</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior <p><u>Condition: Good</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr. + Mrs. John J. Breuil Box 157 Rhodesdale, Md. 21659</p>			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <p style="text-align: center;">Michael O. Bourne Maryland Historical Trust</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DATE OF RECORD March 6, 1968</p>	

RHODESDALE QUADRANGLE
USGS 7.5 minute map
scale: 1: 24 000
1944

(Maryland)



lat. 38° 35' 19.5"
long. 75° 47' 50"

lat. 38° 35' 09"
long. 75° 47' 55"

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long. 75° 47' 43"

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Eldorado

Bachelor

Brookview

Taylor

Beck

2 SHOTS: Fig. (1.5) @ 152% (D-6) @ 75% 13x1-70



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